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| Notice of Allowability | Application No. | Applicant(s) | |
| | 09/702,293 | BOURLAS ET AL. | |
| | Examiner Clemence Han | Art Unit 2665 | |

-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address--

All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTO-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. This communication is responsive to the amendment received on October 4, 2004.

2. The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-20 and 23.

3. The drawings filed on 30 October 2000 are accepted by the Examiner.

4. Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).

a) All b) Some* c) None of the:

1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.

2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.

3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

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5. A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.

6. CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.

(a) including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
1) hereto or 2) to Paper No./Mail Date _____.

(b) including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of
Paper No./Mail Date _____.

Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).

7. DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

- 1. Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2. Notice of Draftperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3. Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date 10/4/04
- 4. Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material
- 5. Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6. Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date 112804
- 7. Examiner's Amendment/Comment
- 8. Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
- 9. Other _____.

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PRIMARY EXAMINER

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. Examiner's amendments to the record appear below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.
2. Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in the remark page 9 line 14-16 received on October 4, 2004.
3. The application has been amended as follows:
 20. (Currently Amended) The method for compressing data packets of claim 19 wherein the second-format data packets are MAC packets, the first-format data packets are ATM cells, and the trailer packet is an ATM trailer cell which includes CPCS and SSCS bytes; and wherein all padding cells bytes are omitted from the MAC packet, and the CPCS and SSCS bytes from the ATM trailer cell are omitted from the MAC packet.
4. Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Paul Nagy on January 21, 2005.
5. The application has been amended as follows:

Claim 21, 22 and 24-26 are canceled.

Allowable Subject Matter

6. Claim 1-20 and 23 are allowed.
7. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

The present invention is directed to system for translating data received in an ATM format into a MAC format. In the present invention, a MAC reassembly module format the MAC packet with header derived from ATM cells with common destination and data from the ATM cells with common destination (See Figure 7).

The closest prior art, Scott (US Patent 6,512,773), teaches system for translating data received in an ATM format into a MAC format. Scott, however, fails to teach formatting the MAC packet with header derived from ATM cells with common destination and data from the ATM cells with common destination. The differences between Scott and the present invention are more clear in the figures (Figure 4B of Scott and Figure 7 of present invention). In Scott, the MAC payload 105b is made of 52 bytes cells 106, each of which includes ATM header and ATM payload. Meanwhile, in the present invention, the MAC payload 49 is made of one ATM header 44 and 48 bytes cells 31, 33,..., each of which include only ATM payload. The limitation of formatting the MAC packet with header derived from ATM cells with common destination and data from the ATM cells with common

destination is claimed in the independent claims 1, 9, 18 and 23, and render them allowable.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Clemence Han whose telephone number is (571) 272-3158. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Thursday 7 - 5.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Huy Vu can be reached on (571) 272-3155. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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